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Case 8622

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of  
Klofta et al. :  
Serial No. 09/898,880 : Group Art Unit: 1616  
Filed: July 3, 2001 : Examiner: Konata M. George  
Confirmation No. 2203

Title: FILM-FORMING COMPOSITIONS FOR PROTECTING SKIN FROM BODY FLUIDS  
AND ARTICLES MADE THEREFROM

REQUEST FOR CONTINUING EXAMINATION

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 8, 2002, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner continuing examination of the present application in view of the accompanying amendments and remarks

**The Notice of Appeal filed on November 7, 2002, is hereby withdrawn.**

A three-months extension of time is requested in the accompanying Transmittal Form.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 20 as follows:

20. (Amended) A disposable absorbent article having a film-forming composition disposed on at least a skin-contacting surface of the absorbent article, wherein the composition is substantially anhydrous and is solid or semi-solid at room temperature, the composition comprises:
- a. from about 1 to about 80 wt% of a skin conditioning agent selected from the group consisting of petroleum-based emollients; fatty acid esters; polysiloxanes; polyol polyesters; esters or ethers of polyhydroxy alcohols; fatty alcohol esters of polyprotonic acids; animal oils, fats, and their derivatives; vegetable oils, hydrogenated vegetable oils,

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